

REMARKS

Claims 36 - 63 are pending in the present application. Claims 36 - 46 and 55 have been allowed. Claims 47 - 54 and 56 - 63 stand rejected. By this amendment, Applicants have cancelled claims 47 - 54 and 56 - 63.

I. Claim Objections

The Action has objected to claim 36 and claim 43 on the basis of diminutive font size of the ring system substituents.

In response, Applicants have increased the font size, and therefore ask for withdrawal of the Action's objection to these claims.

II. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

The Action has rejected claims 48 – 49 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. The Action alleges that the aforementioned claims fail to enable a person of ordinary skill in the art to which it pertains, *inter alia*, to practice the invention commensurate with the scope of these claims.

In response to the Action's rejection, but not in acquiescence thereof, Applicants have cancelled claims 48 – 49 but affirm their right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a continuation application without prejudice. In the absence of these claims, therefore, the Action's rejection should be withdrawn.

The Action has rejected claims 47 - 54 and 56 - 63 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. The Action alleges that these claims fail to comply with the enablement requirement.

In response to the Action's rejection, but not in acquiescence thereof, Applicants have cancelled claims 47 - 54 and 56 - 63 but affirm their right to pursue the subject matter of the cancelled claims in a continuation application without prejudice. In the absence of these claims, therefore, the Action's rejections cannot be sustained and should be withdrawn.

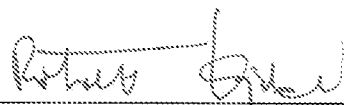
III. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the above amendments place the present Application in condition for allowance. Should there be any remaining formal or substantive issues capable of resolution by a teleconference or Examiner Amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned Attorney.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee required and any additional fees that may be needed to Deposit Account No. **18-1982**.

Respectfully submitted,

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